



**Berkshire County Special Response Team
Sergeant Craig DeSantis (Lee PD)**

TO: Chief Wynn
Chief Roosa
Lt. Winston

DATE: 3/8/14

RE: Search Warrant Execution –

Sir,

On March 5th, 2014 at approximately 0530 hours, the Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) in cooperation with the Pittsfield Police Department Narcotics Unit and the Berkshire County Drug Task Force (BCDTF), conducted a “No Knock” Search warrant at 219 Wahconah Street, 2nd Floor Apartment, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The two main targets of this location were (1) [REDACTED] and (2) [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has a criminal record that includes Burglary (1st degree), Criminal Mischief, Criminal Contempt, and Aggravated Harassment. [REDACTED] also has a criminal record that includes Armed Assault to Murder, Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon, and numerous narcotics offenses. [REDACTED] was known to be pregnant. [REDACTED] and her small child are known to spend time at the involved apartment and it was noted they could possibly be encountered. [REDACTED] has a criminal record that includes an assault and battery as well as numerous narcotic offenses. A pit-bull dog was believed to be present at the apartment as well.

The following BCSRT members were assigned to this operation:

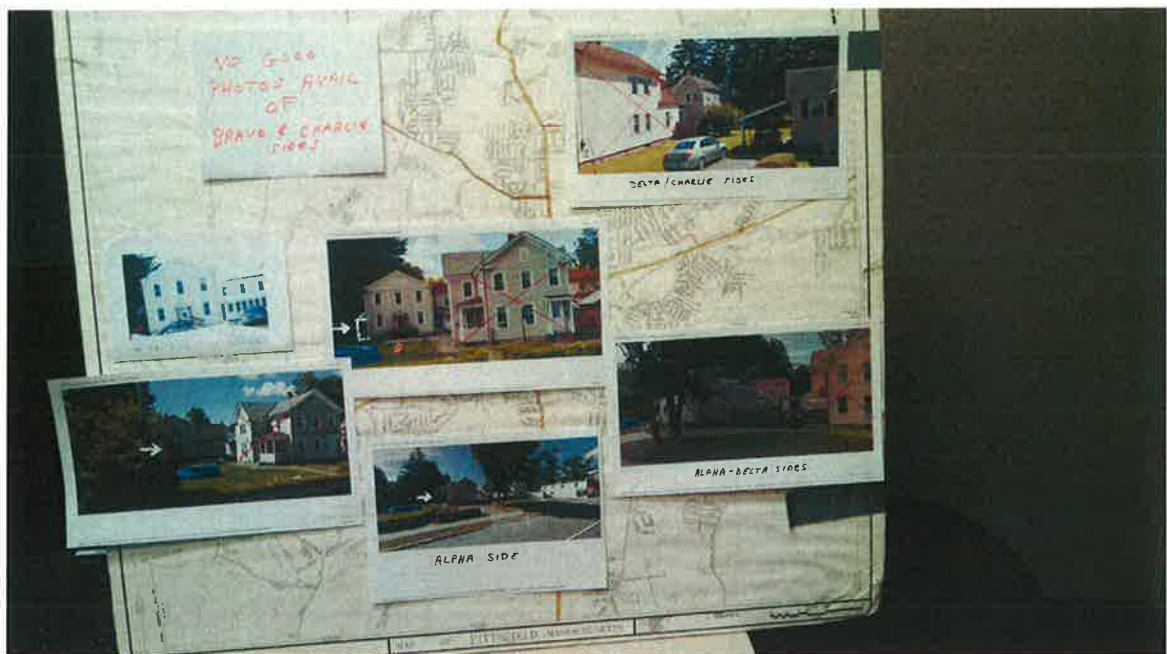
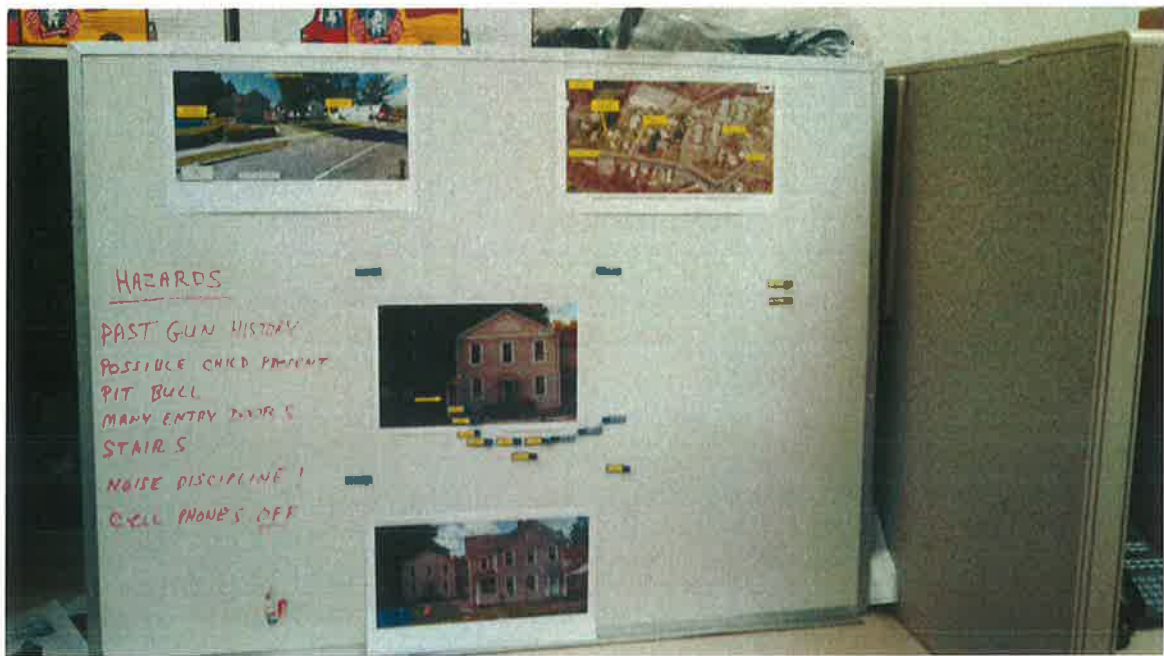
1. Ofc. Baker – Adams PD
2. Ofc. Beverly – North Adams PD
3. Ofc. Carlotto – Great Barrington PD
4. Dr. Deering BMC
5. Sgt. C. DeSantis – Lee PD
6. Deputy Face – BCSD
7. Ofc. Klink-PPD
8. Ofc. Losaw-PPD
9. Ofc. J.P. Murphy-PPD
10. Deputy O’Neil – BCSD
11. Ofc. Orsi-PPD
12. Deputy Salavantis - BCSD

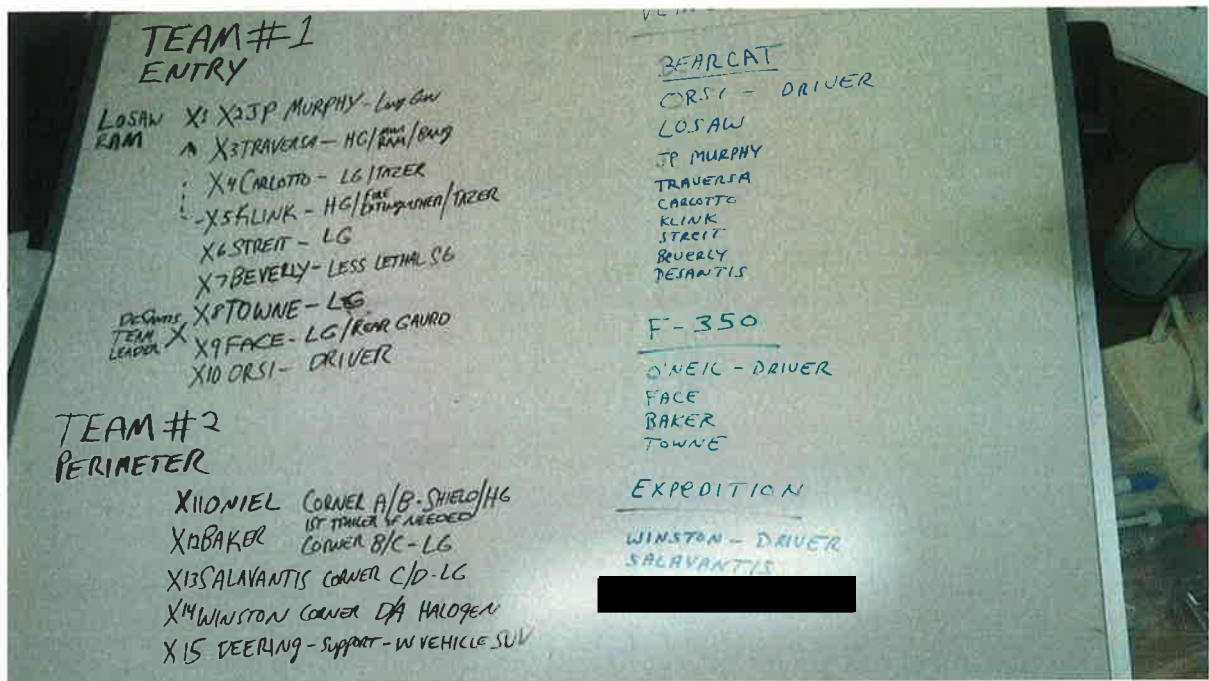
13. Ofc. Streit-PPD
14. Ofc. Towne – Lee PD
15. Ofc. Traversa-PPD
16. Lt. Winston-PPD

The following vehicles and equipment were utilized and or available for utilization during this operation:

- i. Vehicles (3) – BEARCAT, F-350 Utility Truck, SUV Expedition
- ii. Firearms: Dept issued side arms / AR-15 Rifles / Sub guns / less lethal
- iii. Tasers
- iv. Pepper Spray
- v. Handcuffs
- vi. Flashlights
- vii. Breaching tools (rams & pry bar)
- viii. Eye & hand protection
- ix. Fire Extinguisher
- x. Flash Bangs
- xi. Ballistic Shield
- xii. Animal pole

Prior to the operation, I Sgt DeSantis, along with Officer Orsi, Officer Traversa and with input from Lt Winston developed a raid plan. The raid-plan was completed based on information available at that time provided by the Pittsfield Narcotics Unit. Officer Traversa produced a written version of the established plan. A copy of this plan can be made available as needed. Additionally, photographs and diagrams were created by Officer Orsi as part of the raid-plan. Picture copies of those items are attached to and made part of this report.





Prior to deployment, in cooperation with the other planners, I held a pre-raid briefing to advise all involved operators of the mission, known hazards and raid plan. The above items were displayed and utilized for operators to see during the briefing.

The team deployed from the Pittsfield Police Station St. in three (3) vehicles: the Bear Cat, the team SUV, and the Pittsfield PD utility truck. Lt. Winston drove Deputy Salavantis, and [REDACTED] in the team SUV. Deputy O'Neil drove Deputy Face, Officer Baker and Officer Towne in the PPD Utility truck. The remainder of the team was transported in the interior passenger area of the Bear Cat with Officer Orsi serving as the driver. Investigator Soules was also transported in the Bearcat. All other Narcotics Officers followed in unmarked vehicles.

The team followed the pre-planned travel route and proceeded to the target address without incident. The Bear cat, SUV and Utility truck were parked along the side of Elmvale Place in relative proximity to the target address. The unmarked units parked nearby along Wahconah Street. Operators exited the Bear cat, SUV and Utility vehicle and began the approach along a preplanned route to the outer target door while in a stack format. Officer Orsi remained at the Bear Cat for vehicle security along with [REDACTED]. Operators assigned to the perimeter broke from the approaching stack and took up perimeter positions on the Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta sides of the target building. On our approach I conducted an overview of the outside of the residence and surrounding area and saw no reason not to continue with the plan of entering the target building. Investigator Soules was in possession of the involved search warrant, approached the target building with the team, and specifically directed us to the correct outer target door. He did not indicate any reason for us not to proceed.

Due the small area, Officer Murphy served as point operator and also served as breach cover for Officer Losaw. Upon approach, Officer Losaw opened the unlocked exterior screen door, then checked and opened the unlocked inner exterior door. The team proceeded without incident or contact through these outer doors into a small common area. This area serves as an access to a lower apartment as well as a stairwell leading to the upper target apartment. Officer Losaw checked and opened the unlocked lower door that led into the stairwell. The team proceeded through the inner door and into the stairwell without incident or contact. At the top of the stairs Operators reached the final door that leads directly into the target apartment. This door was checked and was found it to be locked. The involved stairwell was very narrow. Officer Losaw determined it was not feasible to utilize a full size ram in the tight quarters on the stairs. Officer Losaw quietly requested and received a mini ram from Officer Traversa, whom was close by in the stack of operators. Officer Losaw then utilized the mini ram to breach the door so the team could enter into the target apartment. Officer Losaw was able to successfully breach the door. Upon striking the door and while entering the target apartment, members announced their presence as "police" with a "search warrant".

BCSRT operators entered and moved through the apartment using controlled movements. Operators first encountered an adult female (believed to be [REDACTED] sleeping in the first bedroom on the right side of the hallway. She was secured in that location with handcuffs by Officers Streit and Murphy. The rest of the team continued to move through-out the remainder of the floor. Operators next encountered an adult male (believed to be [REDACTED] and a female (believed to be [REDACTED] in a second bedroom situated in the back corner of the apartment. Operators entered the bedroom through a closed door giving clear commands and announcements identifying themselves as police. Upon entry the occupants were instructed to keep their hands in plain view. During the initial contact inside the bedroom, Operators observed a pit bull breed dog advance toward their positions inside the bedroom. As part of the pre-raid plan, Officer Klink had been tasked with carrying a fire extinguisher as a potential less lethal means of dealing with the dog. Officer Klink was present as the dog advanced. Officer Klink gave a micro burst of extinguisher propellant toward the dog. The dog then retreated back toward [REDACTED] and remained in close proximity to her. [REDACTED] appeared to be trying to control the dog from advancing again by holding onto his collar. The dog appeared apprehensive and unpredictable. Operators initially held their positions inside the bedroom and continued with clear commands advising [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] not to move (other than to hold the dog) and to keep hands in plain sight. [REDACTED] did not appear to have adequate and safe control of the involved dog. Furthermore, the dog was preventing operators from safely approaching and to securing both subjects in handcuffs. As such, I advised Officer Towne to approach and secure the dog with an animal long pole as other Operators served to cover his actions. Officer Towne had been tasked with carrying this pole in case it was needed to take control the dog. Officer Towne successfully secured the dog with the pole and escorted him from the room without incident or injury. Pittsfield ACO Moran then took control of the dog. Subsequently [REDACTED] was secured in handcuffs by Officer Carlotto and I secured PERKINS in hand cuffs a short time later. The remainder of the floor was cleared without encountering anyone else.

The involved subjects and area immediately around them were frisked for weapons. They were then allowed to sit in a comfortable manner. Specifically, [REDACTED] was allowed to sit in a chair so as to be as comfortable as possible. There were no requests or apparent need for medical attention by or for any of the involved subjects.

Inside the apartment, there was free access to an attic area that was also cleared. No one was encountered in the attic.

No fire-arms or drugs were observed by members of BCSRT. An unknown amount of money was observed by numerous operators on the bed area where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been located.

After a secondary search, control of the scene was turned over to Sgt. Strout of the Pittsfield Police Department Narcotics Unit.

No members of the BCSRT reported injuries during the operation.

All members of the BCSRT cleared from the scene at approximately 0600 hours, which was after it was determined to be safe by the Narcotics unit.

During the incident, the mini-ram was damaged while Officer Losaw utilized it to breach the apartment door. No other equipment was reported as damaged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Craig DeSantis
Lee Police Department



PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Berkshire County Special Response Team
Officer Gary Traversa

TO: Chief Wynn
Lt. Winston

DATE: March 25, 2014

RE: Search Warrant Execution – 74 Liberty Street Street, North Adams, MA 01247

Sir,

On March 17, 2014 The Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) in cooperation with the North Adams Police Department and the Berkshire County Drug Task Force (BCDTF), conducted a “No Knock” Search Warrant at 74 Liberty Street Street, North Adams, MA 01247.

The main targets of this operation were the homeowner, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of 12 E. Sunnyside Street, Troy, NY. Detective Bailey of the North Adams Police Department led the investigation and, along with Detectives LeClair and Gelinas, provided the following information to myself, Ofc.’s Kirchner, Baker, Beverly, and Deputy Salivantis upon our arrival at the North Adams Police Department at approximately 1830 hrs:

1. [REDACTED] has been the target of 3 previous search warrants.
2. [REDACTED] lends her residence to [REDACTED] as a base of operations for narcotics distribution in exchange for a personal supply of narcotics.
3. [REDACTED] allows trusted drug users into the 1st floor of the residence, often times to remain there and use narcotics on site.
4. [REDACTED] is often on the second floor, with [REDACTED] running the narcotics between [REDACTED] on the second floor and users on the 1st floor or buyers at the back door.
5. [REDACTED] has developed a pattern of, on the days that he arrives at the residence, getting picked up by a driver in a small blue pickup truck at approximately 2100 hrs.
6. The back door has been used more frequently by narcotics buyers recently.
7. Approximately 1 year ago, [REDACTED] had abandoned a safe at another home in North Adams, that, when opened, was found to contain a handgun, which had recently been reported stolen, along with 2 other firearms.
8. BCDTF has been unable to surveil the residence during daylight hours due to the open layout of the street.

9. No vehicles, other than the above mentioned blue pickup truck, are believed to be associated with [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED] has at least 1 dog that will bark with the slightest pedestrian or vehicle traffic on the street.
11. The residence likely contains multiple disease hazards, including bedbugs, lice, fleas, animal feces, used needles, and occupants with Hepatitis or MERSA.
12. [REDACTED] mother lives in the residence next door to the target residence.
13. There is no indication that any children will be at the residence.
14. An informant had reported to BCDTF that there were currently approximately 7 people in the residence, including [REDACTED]
15. Photographs of the residence indicate that it is light green in color, 2 story home with possible basement and small attic areas. The front entry consists of a standard screen door that opens "out" and standard wood or foam core metal door that opens "in." There is a black mailbox to the left of the front entry.
16. Detective LeClair provided a rough sketch of the room layout, as well as a printed version from the City Assessor's Office.
17. BCDTF indicated that the rear entrance is preceded by a small deck/porch.
18. A more recent photograph of the front of the residence indicates a wooden picket fence surrounding the small front yard.
19. To avoid an overabundance of activity at the North Adams Police Department, the Clarksburg, MA Police Station was available and staffed for the team to deploy from.
20. Due to [REDACTED] pattern of leaving the residence at approximately 2100 hrs., BCDTF would like to initiate the operation forthwith.

The above mentioned BCSRT members, joined by Chief Roosa from Lee P.D., traveled to the Clarksburg P.D. where I began to formulate a hasty operations plan, utilizing the materials and information provided by BCDTF. Primary Front Entry, Secondary Rear Entry (breach and hold), Perimeter, and Animal Control teams were assigned. (All materials provided by BCDTF and photographs of the hasty plan illustration are attached hereto and made a part of this report.)

BCSRT members responding from central and southern Berkshire County were rerouted to Clarksburg P.D. Detective Bailey was assigned to the Bearcat, where he would direct the driver (Ofc. Orsi) along the planned travel route and upon dismounting, walks the team to the target house. Detective Bailey also would arrange for an ambulance to be staged at nearby North Adams Regional Hospital shortly before our arrival.

BCSRT members on this operation were:

1. Ofc. Baker – Adams PD
 2. Ofc. Belknap – Pittsfield PD
 3. Ofc. Beverly – North Adams PD
 4. Ofc. Carlotto – Great Barrington PD
 5. Ofc. Couture – Pittsfield PD
 6. Ofc. Hallas – Pittsfield PD
 7. Ofc. M. Kirchner – Pittsfield PD
 8. Ofc. Losaw – Pittsfield PD
 9. Ofc. J.P. Murphy – Pittsfield PD
 10. Ofc. Orsi – Pittsfield PD
 11. Sgt. Roccabruna – Pittsfield PD
 12. Chief Roosa – Lee PD
 13. Ofc. Streit – Pittsfield PD
 14. Sgt. Trapani – Pittsfield PD
 15. Ofc. Traversa – Pittsfield PD
 16. Lt. Winston – Pittsfield PD
 17. Deputy Face – BCSD
 18. Deputy O'Neil – BCSD
 19. Deputy Salivantis - BCSD
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ACO Moran – Pittsfield PD was also present and would take part in this operation for the expected canine issue.

I conducted a briefing for BCSRT and BCDTF members shortly after their arrival to Clarksburg PD, at approximately 2030 hrs. North Adams Sgt. Burdick and a Clarksburg Officer were also present at this briefing. (At this time we learned that some individuals may have left the residence, but the two targets remained.)

The team then deployed from Clarksburg PD in 4 vehicles: the Bearcat, F350 Utility truck, Lt. Winston's Expedition, and Ofc. Losaw's cruiser. ACO Moran traveled in his Department vehicle. BCDTF followed in their vehicles. Sgt. Burdick traveled in a marked cruiser for anticipated traffic control.

Upon mounting our vehicles, Ofc. Couture was unable to fit with full tactical gear into Ofc. Losaw's cruiser (which Ofc. Hallas drove), and subsequently joined the primary entry team in the Bearcat. Lt. Winston, Ofc. Carlotto, Ofc. Baker, and drove in the team SUV. Ofc. Belknap drove the utility truck, which also transported Deputies Salivantis, Face, and O'Neil. The remainder of the team was transported in the Bearcat. Narcotics Investigators followed in unmarked vehicles.

The team and caravan followed the planned route and turned onto Liberty Street from Eagle Street. We then proceeded westbound and stopped three houses back from the target, under concealment, and dismounted our vehicles at approximately 2100 hrs.

As the team stacked and moved toward 74 Liberty Street, an individual was observed in the front yard of 74 Liberty Street. Detective Bailey was called to walk to the target residence with the stack. Upon recognizing our approach, the individual ran into the front entry of 74 Liberty Street. A “compromise” was called and the stack continued to move toward the target residence.

Upon our arrival at the front yard of 74 Liberty Street, a different individual appeared at the front door and stood looking out in our direction, appearing to present no clear threat. Detective Bailey indicated the residence to make entry upon.

On our approach, I conducted an overview of the outside of 74 Liberty Street and the surrounding area and saw no reason not to continue with the plan of entering the residence. Officer Bailey did not indicate any reason not to follow through with entry to 74 Liberty Street.

The stack moved to the entryway and point man Ofc. Murphy entered without resistance, driving the individual (later identified as [REDACTED]) into the living room and secured her. As the primary entry team filed into the residence, Ofc. Streit secured the individual believed to have initially been in the front yard in the 1st floor bathroom (later identified as [REDACTED]).

At the rear door, Ofc. Carlotto had secured a 3rd individual, whom he had encountered upon his breach and hold of the rear door. The remainder of the residence was cleared using controlled movements. BCSRT perimeter team secured an inner perimeter and BCDTF members provided an outer perimeter. North Adams Police patrol units shut down the street while the initial entry was made. ACO Moran was called to take control of a large, older retriever dog encountered by operators.

Upon completing our search and securing all persons present, BCSRT turned the scene over to Detective Bailey and the BCDTF. I informed Detective Bailey of information from Ofc. Streit, that upon encountering the male subject in the bathroom [REDACTED] Ofc. Streit observed the toilet to be flushing.

No weapons were observed by members of BCSRT. A needle was observed on the floor of the 1st floor room between the kitchen and the living room. We secured from the scene at approximately 2120 hrs.

Two issues that arose during the planning stage of this operation were:

1. Due to the remote location of Clarksburg PD, we had no internet access to compile the usual google map views of the target residence. Additionally, we were unable to run BOP's or access any IMC data.

2. Ofc. Streit was unable to locate less lethal rounds for the LL shotgun. Ofc. Whitney corrected this the following day by placing rounds in the side saddle of the weapon (in the Lt's Expedition) and verifying that rounds are in the go-ammo container.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Traversa", written over the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

Officer Gary Traversa - 03755



PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sergeant Roccabruna

TO: Chief Wynn,
Lt. Winston,

DATE: 03-29-14

RE: NARH Protest Detail

Sir,

On Friday March 28 at approximately 1400hrs, Director Cozzaglio of the North Adams Police Department requested the BCSRT. North Adams Regional Hospital had closed abruptly and former employees were congregating and refusing to leave the hospital and grounds. NAPD had already called for mutual aid and received officers from around the county and the BCHC.

On the arrival of BCSRT the employees had departed the hospital for a meeting with at the American Legion. BCSRT dressed in patrol uniforms was tasked with manning stations around the grounds of the hospital and ensuring that no one enter who did not belong. During my time at the hospital there were no issues and no one attempted to enter the hospital grounds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt James Roccabruna



PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Berkshire County Special Response Team
Deputy Timothy S. Face Jr.

TO: Chief Wynn
Lt. Winston

DATE: April 6, 2014

RE: Search Warrant Execution – 55 Worthington Place, 2nd Floor Apartment, Pittsfield

Sir,

On April 3, 2014 the BCSRT assisted the Pittsfield Police Narcotics Bureau and the Berkshire County Drug Task Force with the execution of a “no-knock” search warrant at 55 Worthington Place, 2nd Floor Apartment, Pittsfield, Ma. The warrant executed on Thursday, April 3, 2014 around 1100 hrs.

The targets of the warrant were 25 year old [REDACTED] and 31 year old [REDACTED]. Using a confidential informant, the Pittsfield Police Department Drug Unit has made purchases of heroin directly from [REDACTED] at the residence located at 55 Worthington Place. There are no known children, and no known dogs present at this address.

Within the week prior to April 3, 2014 the informant has seen a handgun in the bedroom of [REDACTED] where he remains most of the day. According to the informant the handgun is loaded.

BCSRT members on this operation are listed below.

1. Ofc. Carlotto - Great Barrington PD
2. Ofc. Couture-Pittsfield PD
3. Deputy Face - BCSD
4. Ofc. Hallas – Pittsfield PD
5. Ofc. Cardeno-North Adams PD
6. Ofc. Klink – Pittsfield PD
7. Ofc. Losaw – Pittsfield PD
8. Ofc. J. Murphy – Pittsfield PD
9. Ofc. Orsi – Pittsfield PD
10. Sgt. Roccabruna – Pittsfield PD
11. Ofc. Baker-Adams PD
12. Deputy O’Neil - BCSD
13. Ofc. C. Belknap – Pittsfield PD
14. Ofc. Smith – Lenox PD
15. Ofc. Traversa – Pittsfield PD
16. Lt. Winston – Pittsfield PD

The team deployed from Camp Winadu in 3 vehicles: The BEARCAT, the SRT Expedition, and an unmarked utility box truck. Lt. Winston drove himself in the SRT Expedition. Officer Belknap drove the BEARCAT. Investigator Price drove the unmarked utility box truck, Sgt. Roccabruna rode in the front passenger seat. The remainder of the team rode in the concealed cargo area in the rear of the unmarked utility box truck. Narcotics Officers followed in unmarked vehicles.

I (Deputy Face) briefed the team on the plan of execution for the search warrant before departing Camp Winadu. Once all team members were in their assigned vehicles the team departed following the planned route to the target location.

Investigator Price then pulled the unmarked utility box truck to the road side, in the area of 53 Worthington Pl.. Investigator Price then pointed out the exact location of 55 Worthington Pl.. At this time, Sgt. Roccabruna advised the team that we were at the target location. The perimeter team exited the box truck first and set up in their assigned posts. Team 2 exited the truck second and proceeded to the C side of the house. Team 1 exited the truck last and entered the B side common door and ascended to the second floor apartment door.

Once Team 1 reached the second floor Ofc. Losaw checked and affirmed that the door was locked. Ofc. Losaw used the breaching ram to allow team 1 entry. Team 1 made entry while yelling clearly and loudly "POLICE, SEARCH WARRANT". Simultaneously Team 2 entered a doorway on the C side of the building and ascended to the second floor.

At the time, Team 2 approached the rear door; they observed [REDACTED] through the door glass. At this time [REDACTED] immediately ran into a door way and disappeared. Based on the initial compromise, as well as [REDACTED] movements inside of the home, Team 2 breached the locked rear door to the apartment. Team 2 then made entry into the home, while they yelled loudly and clearly "POLICE, SEARCH WARRANT". At this time, members of Team 2 entered the room which [REDACTED] had entered. This room was a bathroom [REDACTED] was then detained and placed in handcuffs.

Once Team 1 entered the apartment, there were no parties in the first room, which was the living room area. At this time, it was apparent that Team 2 was in the hallway and bathroom area. Members of Team 1 then proceeded to the front bedroom, where [REDACTED] was located. At this time [REDACTED] was detained and placed in handcuffs. At this time, the rest of the team began to check the remainder of the apartment for any persons.

Some BCSRT members then stood by with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the locations where they were initially encountered, while the remainder of the team began to conduct a secondary search of the apartment. During the secondary search, a front porch area that led to an attic space was located. The team then conducted a thorough search of the attic space.

Once the entire apartment was secured, the Narcotics Unit was advised that they could enter. At this time, the apartment and both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were turned over to the Narcotics Unit.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were placed under arrest by the Narcotics Unit. These parties were then transported to the Pittsfield Police Department, where they were booked. According to the Narcotics Unit, forty (40) bags of heroin were located in the toilet of the apartment. This was in the same bathroom where [REDACTED] had fled to, causing Team 2 to take immediate action and enter the apartment.

Attached to this report are photographs of planning displays constructed by Ofc. Orsi. These photographs and displays were made available to all operators prior to deployment. Also included, is Investigator Mazzeo's raid plan and any photographs that he provided to the BCSRT prior to the raid planning and execution.

Respectfully Submitted,
Officer J. Murphy #15543



CITY OF PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MICHAEL J. WYNN
CHIEF OF POLICE

(413) 448-9717

Date: September 24, 2014

TO: Chief Michael Wynn
Lt Michael Winston

RE: Arrest Warrant Execution - Joseph LAMB

Sir,

On September 23rd, 2014 at approximately 1830PM, the Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) assisted the Pittsfield Police Department (PPD) Detective Bureau in the execution of an arrest warrant for [REDACTED]. The raid plan for the BCSRT was completed by Sgt James Roccabruna and me, and is attached to this report. Sgt Roccabruna conducted the pre-raid briefing in the PPD roll call room.

The arrest warrant for [REDACTED] was a product of the investigation into the Armed Robbery of Harte's package store on September 14th. A handgun was displayed during the robbery. There was no concrete address for [REDACTED] and therefore, no search warrant for a residence. Instead, consent to search for [REDACTED] was sought (and obtained) at three different locations. Captain Barry was the facilitator for obtaining consent for all locations, and once consent was received, he advised the BCSRT members that the consent was granted and the location to be searched.

The BCSRT team members that participated in this raid were: LT Winston, Sgt Roccabruna, Sgt Trapani, Sgt Traversa, Officer Beverly (NAPD), Officer Hallas, Officer Losaw, Officer JP Murphy, Officer Whitney, Officer Klink, Officer Orsi, Deputy Face (BCSD), Deputy ONeal (BCSD), Officer Towne (Lee PD), Officer Smith and Officer Baker.

Members of the BCSRT utilized the team Bearcat, Special services truck and SRT SUV for transportation to the area of 222 Springside Ave. Members moved to perimeter posts while the entry team moved to the vacant apartment (222 Springside) and entered it (consent from landlord). Once the vacant apartment was cleared, Captain Barry and Officer Orsi were advised and moved to 224 Springside to contact [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was not immediately available, but eventually came to the residence and granted consent to search for [REDACTED] in 224 Springside. BCSRT members did not find [REDACTED] in the residence. Once the entire residence was searched and cleared, all units left the building.

Captain Barry then proceeded to speak with Santiago at 119 Parker. She secured a large dog in her motor vehicle and then granted consent to search for [REDACTED] in the apartment. BCSRT members searched and

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found that there was access into the attic of the adjoining apartment (121 Parker) through the attic of 119. Captain Barry made contact with the residents of 121 Parker and explained that we were searching for a fugitive and asked for permission to search the attic. Consent to search was granted and BCSRT members cleared only the attic of the residence with no sign of [REDACTED]

Captain Barry then released the BCSRT as all areas to be searched were exhausted. At approximately 2145PM, members of the BCSRT did an equipment check and returned to the PPD station for debriefing. [REDACTED] subsequently appeared at the PPD station and turned himself in at approximately 2230PM.

SGT Mark Lopez
03769



PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sergeant Roccabruna

TO: Chief Wynn,
Lt. Winston,

DATE: 11-4-2014

RE: No Knock Search Warrant 83 Dalton Ave.

Sir,

On November 3, 2014, Sergeant Strout contacted Lt. Winston about the BCSRT assisting the Pittsfield Police Narcotics Unit and the BCDTF with a **no knock search warrant at 83 Dalton Ave. for Cocaine and Heroin. The target of the warrant was 25 year old [REDACTED]** Using a confidential informant, the Pittsfield Police Department Drug Unit had made several purchases of cocaine and heroin from [REDACTED] and his associates. These purchases either originated at or concluded at 83 Dalton Ave. [REDACTED] was previously arrested for unlawful possession of a handgun. Also using the apartment are 27 year old [REDACTED] and and unknown male named Chris.

On November 3 at approximately 20:00hrs, Lt. Trapani, Officer Orsi and Myself met at the PPD and began planning for the no knock entrance of 83 Dalton Ave. The Plan is included with this report.

At approximately 04:00, members of the BCSRT began arriving at the PPD and gearing up. The raid plan was briefed and at 05:30 hrs the BCSRT left the PPD. We left the PPD and travelled to 83 Dalton Ave using the planned route. North St to Tyler St to Dalton Ave. The BCSRT parked at the corner of Dalton Ave and Harvard St. Lt Abderhalden of the BCDTF walked the team directly to the rear door of 83 Dalton Ave.

Once on Scene at the rear door. Officer Losaw found the rear door to be locked, Sgt Traversa surveyed the scene and found no reason to deviate from the planned entrance into the apartment. At the same time as the above Officer Carlotto found the front door to 83 Dalton Ave to be locked. Lt Trapani surveyed the scene and found no reason to deviate from the planned entrance into the apartment.

Officer Losaw forced open the rear door using a portable ram team members cleared the apartment using controlled movements. Officers J.P. Murphy and O'Neal. found [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the middle bedroom. They were both placed in handcuffs without incident. Sgt Traversa and Officer Streit found [REDACTED] in bed in the far bedroom. He refused to take his hands out from under his sheets. Sgt Traversa pulled the sheets aside and found a fully loaded handgun with one round in the chamber laying on the bed. Sgt Traversa took control of the handgun and made it safe. [REDACTED] was placed in handcuffs by Officer Streit without incident. No other persons were found in 83 Dalton Ave.

Once a secondary search of the apartment was conducted for persons with negative results, the apartment was turned over to the Narcotics Unit. BCSRT left the scene at approximately 06:00hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sgt James Roccabruna

2011-04-08 10:00 AM



PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Berkshire County Special Response Team
Sergeant Gary Traversa

TO: Chief Wynn
Lt. Winston

DATE: November 13, 2014

RE: Search Warrant Execution – 153 Dewey Ave., 2nd Floor Apartment, Pittsfield

Sir,

On November 13, 2014, The Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) in cooperation with the Pittsfield Police Department Narcotics Unit and the Berkshire County Drug Task Force (BCDTF), conducted a “No Knock” Search warrant at 153 Dewey Ave., 2nd Floor Apartment, Pittsfield.

The Targets at this location were a black male known only as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Both individuals had sold crack cocaine and heroin, from within 153 Dewey Ave. (2nd Floor Apartment), to Confidential Informants working with the Pittsfield Police Drug Unit. Additionally, an Informant had observed live shotgun shells in the apartment within the last week.

Also expected to be present were an unknown male, and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has a lengthy, violent criminal history, and is known to be resistant and combative with Police.

There was no information regarding children, dogs, or other pets in the apartment.

BCSRT members on this operation were Lt. Winston, Lt. Trapani, Sgt. Roccabruna, Sgt. Traversa, Ofc. Beverly (North Adams PD), Ofc. Cardeno (North Adams PD), Ofc. Carlotto (Great Barrington PD), Ofc. Couture, Ofc. Hallas, Ofc. M. Kirchner, Ofc. Losaw, Ofc. Orsi, Ofc. Smith (Lenox PD), Ofc. Streit, Ofc. Towne (Lee PD), Deputy Face (BCSD), Deputy Salivantis (BCSD), and [REDACTED]. Ofcs. Towne (added to Entry Team) and Cardeno (added to Perimeter Team) were last hour additions, not reflected on the original raid plan.

The team deployed from Pittsfield Police Headquarters in 3 vehicles, in the following order: Team SUV, Support Services Truck, and BEARCAT. Lt. Winston, operating the Team SUV, drove himself, [REDACTED] Ofc. Cardeno, and Sgt. Roccabruna. Ofc. Hallas drove himself, Ofc.

Towne, and Ofc. Beverly, in the Support Services Truck. Ofc. Orsi drove the remainder of the team in the BEARCAT. Narcotics Officers followed in unmarked vehicles.

An ambulance was staged at Convenience Plus on Linden St.

Prior to departing School Street, surveillance units reported no activity at 153 Dewey Ave. since 0430 hrs. The team followed the planned route and disembarked on Dewey Ave. The planned stack assembled and walked to the front door of the target location.

On our approach Lt. Winston and Lt. Trapani conducted an overview of the outside of the residence and surrounding area and saw no reason not to continue with the plan of entering the building. The "1880" marking clearly indicated the Target building.

Ofc. Losaw was successful gaining entry through the front door via the provided key. Entry was made at approximately 0609 hrs. The stack then ascended the stairs, and it became necessary to breach a door at the top of the stairs to enter the 2nd floor apartment.

██████████ was located in the living room, on the East side of the building (2nd floor), and properly secured. No other subjects were located.

A staircase between the bathroom and bedroom (West side of the building), leading down to an exterior door, as well as an apparent access door to the 1st floor, was held on until Narcotics Officer took over the scene.

There was no apparent access to an attic or basement areas.

After a secondary search for any other people present was completed, Narcotics Officers entered and began their investigation. A short time later, BCSRT was released from the scene

██████████ was arrested by BCDTF and transported from the scene.

BCSRT secured from the scene at approximately 0620 hrs.

No operators reported any injuries.

Attached to this report are photographs of planning displays constructed by Ofc. Orsi and made available to all operators prior to deployment.

Respectfully Submitted, Sergeant Gary Traversa

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MICHAEL J. WYNN
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Date: October 10, 2013

TO: Chief Michael Wynn
Lt Michael Winston

RE: Search Warrant Execution - 23 South Atlantic Avenue

Sir,

On December 2nd, 2014 at approximately 0530AM, the Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) executed a "No-Knock" search warrant at the above address, along with members of the Berkshire County Drug Task Force (BCDTF) and the Pittsfield Police Department (PPD) Narcotics Unit. I completed the raid plan for the BCSRT and it is attached to this report. The BCDTF raid plan was completed by Investigator Kipp Steinman of the PPD and is attached to this report. Sgt Traversa and I conducted the pre-raid briefing in the PPD roll call room.

The target of the warrant at this location was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has a lengthy criminal history including crimes of violence and is well known to the members of the PPD. Information was developed by the BCDTF from a confidential informant which established probable cause to search the above residence for narcotics and several firearms. Steinman's raid plan stated that there may be several other occupants in the residence including several children. According to the informant, the target resides in the second floor of the dwelling and other unrelated parties reside on the first floor. BCDTF confirms that up to three validated Crip gang members may be at the apartment, and that multiple handguns were seen recently.

The BCSRT team members that participated in this raid were: LT Winston, LT Trapani, Sgt Traversa, Ofc Beverly (NAPD), Ofc Orsi, Ofc Hallas, Ofc Losaw, Ofc M Kirchner, Ofc Streit, Ofc Baker (Adams PD), Ofc Whitney, Ofc Smith, Deputy Salvantis (BCSD), Deputy Face (BCSD), Deputy O'Neal (BCSD) and Ofc Towne (Lee PD). See Investigator Steinman's raid plan for BCDTF members present. Also present was [REDACTED] and Animal Control Officer Moran. An ambulance was put on standby in the vicinity.

Members of the BCSRT utilized the team Bearcat, Special Services truck and Team SUV for transportation to the area of 23 South Atlantic Avenue. Members moved to perimeter posts while the front and rear entry teams moved to position. An assessment was made as the entry team was deploying, and the decision to proceed as planned was made. Simultaneous entry was made by the two entry doors. Entry members loudly stated "POLICE... SEARCH WARRANT" as they entered. The rear entry team breached and held in place, covering the living room, while the front entry team secured the rest of the apartment.

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There were three adults in the second floor apartment, and they were all secured without incident. No other children or pets were present. Once all parties were secured, members searched all areas of the residence and found no other threats. BCSRT members did not find anything of evidentiary value that needed to be reported to the BCDTF evidence officer. A attic access panel was pointed out to Investigator Price by Sgt Traversa, as BCSRT members would not be able to access or secure that area. The residence and the 3 adults were then turned over to Sgt Strout. No injuries to members or occupants were sustained during the operation. Officers Face and Oneal stayed with the BCDTF to provide security during the search. Shortly thereafter, members of the BCSRT did an equipment check and returned to the PPD station for debriefing.

The raid resulted in the arrest of the three occupants [REDACTED] for several 94C offenses, as well as for unlawful possession of ammunition.





PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Berkshire County Special Response Team
Officer Matthew Kirchner

TO: Chief Wynn
Lt. Winston
Sgt. Roccabruna

DATE: December 13, 2014

RE: Barricaded Subject w/gun- 24 Myrtle Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

Sir,

On December 13, 2014 at approximately 0929 hours, Pittsfield Police Department Patrol units were dispatched to 24 Myrtle Street for a reported domestic disturbance. Dispatch advised that a [REDACTED] was threatening harm to his mother with a firearm. The 911 caller was the [REDACTED]. Based on this dispatch, I cleared the call I was on and advised Dispatch that I would be responding to the scene.

Once on scene I began coordinating with units on scene to secure a perimeter. Based on the fact that I was the only on duty SRT operator, I was given tactical command of the scene by the dayshift commander, Lieutenant Bradford. I then directed units to secure and block all roads surrounding the area. Lieutenant Bradford arrived on scene and I requested additional personnel and EMS to standby. I advised Dispatch that this call will require a full Berkshire County Special Response Team response, and that a "Call-Out" page should be sent ASAP. The Berkshire County Special Response Team (BCSRT) was activated. Additional Police Personnel from Dalton PD, Lanesboro PD, Lenox PD, and the Massachusetts State Police responded to the scene and assisted by securing the outer perimeter.

A "Hasty Team" was established in the event that immediate action would be needed before the BCSRT was able to take over this role. This "Hasty Team" was comprised of Officer C. Whitney (Long gun), Officer Parise (Less Lethal), Officer Powell (Shield), and myself (Long gun/communications/negotiator). This team took up a position inside 20 Myrtle Street which is directly nextdoor to 24 Myrtle Street. This position faced the south side of the residence and provided a direct view of the residence's main entry/exit point.

Lieutenant Winston arrived on scene and Tactical Command was turned over. Lieutenant Winston was briefed on the situation and all operations from this point forward went through the Command Post.

Once the BCSRT "Immediate Action Team" made entry to the residence, Officer Whitney, Officer Parise, and myself provided perimeter coverage for the team on approach and while inside the residence. Shortly after the suspect was taken into custody and transported to Berkshire Medical Center. (SEE ADDITIONAL AFTER ACTION REPORTS FOR FULL DETAILS).

No injuries were reported by BCSRT Operators at or during this operation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Officer Matthew Kirchner